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1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY STATEMENT WE HAVE PREPARED
IN THE EVENT THAT CONFERENCE PRODUCES DECLARATION AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT. WE
PROPOSE IN THAT EVENT TO ADOPT A POSITION WITH THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN FIVE THAT THE GROUP SHOULD ADOPT A
COMMON POSITION INDIVIDUALLY STATED.

2. "THE UNITED STATES CAME TO THIS CONFERENCE FOR THREE
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REASONS:

(A) WE WANTED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN STATES ON
THESE TWO KEY ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

(B) WE WANTED TO SEIZE THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN
THE NEW AFRICAN POLICY OF PRESIDENT CARTER. SINCE ANY AFRICAN

POLICY MUST BEGIN WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN, WE WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE COUNTRIES AND MOVEMENTS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERN THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE TAKEN AND THE STRATEGY WE HAVE FOLLOWED.

(C) FINALLY, WE WANTED TO LISTEN TO AND UNDERSTAND AFRICAN VIEWS ON THESE CRITICAL SUBJECTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR ASSISTANCE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSE AND FEEL FREE TO CONVEY THEIR REACTIONS.

FROM ALL THREE POINTS OF VIEW WE ASSESS THE CONFERENCE AS REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL. THE CONFERENCE MARKS A NEW STATE IN THE LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES CAME TO DECLARE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NIBIA. THIS COLLECTIVE EXPRESSION OF INTERNATIONAL DETERMINATION IS A SIGN THAT THE PROCESS OF LIBERATION IS MOVING TO A NEW AND CULMINATING PHASE. WE HAVE FOUND OTHERS WILLING TO LISTEN TO OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THEIRS. WE SEE OURSELVES WORKING FOR THE SAME GOALS, EVEN WHEN WE CHOSE DIFFERENCE MEANS FROM THOSE PREFERRED BY OTHERS.

3. AS YOU ALL KNOW, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE TOGETHER ADVANCED AN INITIATIVE TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT ANY SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT AN ABSENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

4. RECENTLY, PRESIDENT CARTER CONFIRMED U.S. POLICY IN MORE DETAIL. IN A STATEMENT MADE IN LOS ANGELES ON MAY 18, 1977, HE STATED THAT UNLESS THERE WAS PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE COMPELLED TO TAKE STRONG ACTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

5. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IS THEREFORE CLEAR. IN LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE WE HAVE TAKEN WE FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH A FEW PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AT THIS TIME. TO DO SO WOULD PREJUDGE THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THE MOST PROMISING START IN YEARS OF EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WE TAKE A SIMILAR POSITION REGARDING THE NEGOTIATION EFFECT OF THE BRITISH IN ZIMBABWE. THE BULK OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION, HOWEVER, REPRESENTS OUR VIEWS. IT ALSO

REPRESENTS A REMARKABLE EFFORT TO CONVEY TO THOSE WHO HAVE
BLOCKED PROGRESS IN THE PAST THAT THERE IS A DEGREE OF COMMIT-
MENT AND A DEPTH OF SOLIDARITY AS THIS ISSUE WHICH ARE
UNPRECEDENTED.

6. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROGRESS MUST BE MADE URGENTLY ON
THESE PROBLEMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISSUES OF NAMIBIA
AND ZIMBABWE ARE ENTERING A NEW AND FINAL STAGE WHERE ONE PATH
LEADS TO INCREASED VIOLENCE AND THE OTHER TO PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT.

7. SO WHILE WE CANNOT ASSOCIATE OURSELVES COMPLETELY WITH
THE DECLARATION AT THIS TIME, WE REGARD IT AS AN IMPORTANT
MARK IN HISTORY, ONE WHICH HELPS US UNDERSTAND OUR OWN RESP-
ONSIBILITIES AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND A POWER INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL CHANGE AND RACIAL PROG-
RESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE COMMEND ITS AUTHORS AND WE
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PRAISE THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS CONFERENCE. BOTH HAVE HELPED
BRING THE DAY OF FREEDOM CLOSER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN.

8. ABOVE SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAPUTO 0631
WHICH FOLLOWS.

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